Cancer Training Award Fellowship Opportunity

Announcement Title
Research Design, Statistical Analysis, and Measurement in Behavioral Research

Introduction
      The National Cancer Institute's Behavioral Research Program (BRP) within the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences seeks to recruit a Cancer Research Training Award (CRTA) Fellow. BRP is pleased to invite applications from qualified candidates for this fellowship position in the Science of Research and Technology Branch (SRTB).
      This full-time position is based in Rockville, Maryland and provides outstanding opportunities to expand expertise through advanced training and professional development in behavioral medicine, statistical analysis, measurement, and research design. CRTA Fellows interact regularly with internationally renowned researchers in public health, behavioral medicine, cancer prevention, and various extramural scientists at the National Cancer Institute and other Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health. The position combines opportunities to conduct research projects, support the development of funding opportunity announcements, and collaborate on programmatic and strategic initiatives to advance cancer prevention and control science.

Position Description
      The CRTA Fellow will function as a member of SRTB and work directly with scientists on projects related to its mission. Areas of research include a broad range methodological approaches used to address cancer-related behaviors (e.g., tobacco use, diet and nutrition, communication) and associated factors (e.g., affect, environment(e.g., tobacco use, diet and nutrition, communication), and innovative development and use of scientific measures and research designs to advance behavioral and social science for cancer prevention and control. Day-to- day activities may vary based on the level of expertise and interests of the fellow and may include, but are not limited to:
- performing data analyses and contributing to scientific manuscripts
- conducting literature reviews
- writing journal articles, reports and presenting findings at scientific conferences
- providing content for websites
- assisting with the creation of funding opportunities
- analyzing the research portfolio and aiding in the development of priority concepts
- convening experts to inform and collaborate on key program projects
- participating in staff, workgroup and taskforce meetings and attending lectures or other training opportunities sponsored by the National Institutes of Health

Additionally, the Fellow is encouraged to initiate and develop his or her own projects, and may have the opportunity to travel to National conferences as relevant to personal or branch projects.

Qualifications
      Candidates with a Master's degree, Ph.D. or equivalent degree in behavioral/social science research or related area will be considered for this position. The candidate should have a strong interest and demonstrate expertise in statistical methodology, measurement and /or research design. The candidate also must demonstrate strong organizational, planning, writing, and project management skills. Strong interpersonal skills are required as SRTB activities frequently involve collaborative, team-based efforts. The candidate must be a self-starter who is comfortable taking initiative and who can play a major role in helping to bring several projects to completion.   Experience working on research projects, using statistical software packages, and managing data is desirable.

Application Requirements
To be considered for this position, the following materials must be received:
1. Cover Letter - Provide an explanation of your interest in the BRP Fellowship Program. Explain your professional development goals, research interests, and how you believe you can contribute to the mission of SRTB.
2. Resume or CV
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Proof of Citizenship or resident alien status (e.g., Photocopy of Birth Certificate or Passport)
5. Official Transcripts and/or Proof of Academic Good Standing - Send transcript of highest Degree conferred. If currently enrolled in school, Proof of Academic Good Standing must be sent on official letterhead and signed by graduate program director, advisor, or equivalent.

Note: In order to qualify for the position, the candidate must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien. A candidate with an I-551 stamp in their passport can also qualify since this is temporary verification of permanent residency status pending issuance of the green card. Individuals with "Employment Authorization" documents (EADs) do not meet eligibility criteria.

Application materials may be submitted via email to Ms. Joan A. Harris at: harrisjoan@od.nih.gov; paper copies and official Transcripts and/or Proof of Academic Good Standing must be mailed to:
> Ms. Joan A. Harris
> Behavioral Research Program
> 9609 Medical Center Drive, MSC 9761
> Room 3E536
> Rockville, MD 20850

Application Deadline
This announcement will remain active until the position is filled.

Approximate Start Date
Negotiable, but preferably late fall 2015 or winter 2016

Stipend and Benefits
The stipends for CRTA Fellows are adjusted yearly, and are commensurate with academic achievement and relevant experience. More information is available online at: http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/stipend.html. Benefits include health insurance at no cost and a wide range of career development and social activities. The office is located in commuter-friendly Rockville, Maryland, close to the bustling metropolis of Bethesda, and near downtown DC.

Contact
The Primary Fellowship Mentor for this position will be:
Kara L. Hall, PhD
hallka@mail.nih.gov

The CRTA program also uses a multi-mentor approach. Secondary mentors can be identified and included as part of the training opportunity for this award.

You are encouraged to contact current and past Fellows, Mentors, and other staff members. Please visit http://staffprofiles.cancer.gov/brp to learn more about our network of mentorship and collaboration.